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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6741

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS, PROTECTIVE SECURITY (RADIOS)

CARACAS FOR RSO

REF: A. POS 1150

B. POS 1596

C. POS 1769

D. POS 1840

E. STATE 111176

F. STATE 167655

1. PORT OF SPAIN SUFFERING COMPLETE LOSS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, TELEX, SELCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL OPERATIONS.

2. TELEPHONE SERVICE IS DISRUPTED BECAUSE OF TELEPHONE STRIKE. DUE TO EXTENDED LENGTH OF STRIKE AND CORRESPONDING DETERIORATION OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRING LENGTHY REPAIRS WHEN STRIKE ENDS, EMBASSY CAN ONLY ANTICIPATE OPERATING UNDER THESE RESTRICTED CONDITIONS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO OR THREE WEEKS AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

3. WITH ABSENCE OF BOTH FUNCTIONING SELCAL CALL-IN SYSTEM AND BACKUP OVERSEAS TELEPHONE, TWO WEEK DELAY IN TECH ARRIVAL (REF F) UNREALISTIC. WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY DURING NON-WORKING HOURS. PLEASE FORWARD REPLACEMENT SELCAL PRINTER IMMEDIATELY AND EITHER DESPATCH TECH TO INSTALL OR PERMIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRO MCKINNEY TO INSTALL. INOPERATIVE PRINTER SENT DEPARTMENT

6 AUGUST VIA PAN AM POUCH X3-18737 REGISTER NO. 2452099.

4. FOR LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS, AMBASSADOR, DUTY OFFICERS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MISSION CAN ONLY RELY ON PORTABLE RADIOS. ADEQUATE RADIOS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE IF NEW VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT CAN BE INSTALLED. EMBASSY STILL AWAITS DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE PORT OF SPAIN 1596 OF JULY 4 AND 1769 OF JULY 24 AS TO WHEN RADIO TECH WILL INSTALL. BECAUSE OF TERRAIN AND DISTANCE FACTOR CITED EMBASSY OM OF OCTOBER 18, 1973 AND ABSENCE OF NON-WORKING HOURS BASE STATION, HN-36'S NOT FULLY DEPENDABLE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS. RADIO TECH VISIT THUS IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE PRELUDE TO INSTALLATION THIS NEW VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT. BUT, IN VIEW OF NECESSITY OF PROVIDING RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS TO STAFF FOR BOTH OPERATIONAL AND PROTECTIVE SECURITY REASONS AND ABSENCE COMMITMENT ON RADIO TECH VISIT, WE PROPOSE DIRECTING CRO TO INSTALL AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT IF AND WHERE POSSIBLE UNLESS RADIO TECH CAN BE DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

- (1) FORWARD SELCAL PRINTER IMMEDIATELY.
 - (2) DESPATCH RADIO TECH TO INSTALL NEW VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT.
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